



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator; Mary Paine, Educator Effectiveness Coordinator; and Shari Templeton, Science Specialist (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Andrew McAuliff, RSU#54/Maine School Management; and Lois Kilby-Chesley, Maine Education Association (MEA)

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOVED by William Beardsley, seconded by Nichi Farnham and unanimously voted by those present to approve the January 27, 2014 minutes as written.

UPDATES

Certification (Mark Cyr):

Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator, updated the Committee on the following:

- Chapter 115: "Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel" public hearing with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 5th. Mark will be testifying for the department. Nancy will write the testimony in support of LD 1774 "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel", a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education, and Steve Pound or Peter Geiger will testify before the Education Committee. This is an emergency bill so it will be effective immediately.
- In the 2013 calendar year 21,000 credentials were issued. The amount issued is down by 1500 which is typical as the numbers appear to be cyclical in nature.
- Chapter 13: "Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists and Administrators". Mark is looking at the opening of Chapter 13 for test updates. He will be meeting with Sarah Forster to review a proposal to be able to list Praxis scores on the Department of Education website.
- ETS will be updating the Praxis II Middle School Science and High School Science. Mark will bring the specific changes and scores to the March Certification Committee meeting. With the exact wording, the Committee will vote. The changes then will go before the full Board.

Higher Education:

The Higher Education Specialist position has not been filled. Interviews are being scheduled and Nancy will be part of the interview process.

Chapter 118:

The Committee discussed a plan of action for Chapter 118 “Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems”. The following suggestions were made:

- Schedule 2 or 3 days to review the materials
- Invite Crystal Polk, Doug Spaulding and Shirley Spaulding to the review
- Review Chapter 118 and Chapter 180
- Once materials are updated, put them on the DOE website

Note: Jana Lapoint left the meeting at 11:45 AM

Handouts:

- Multistate Standard-Setting Technical Report – Praxis Middle School Science (Mark Cyr)
- Test Availability – Paper/Online (Mark Cyr)
- Praxis Performance Assessments (Mark Cyr)
- Maine-PPAT Interest (Mark Cyr)

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM.

Note: The Committee met at 1:00 PM with eight representatives of the Teacher Preparation Institutions. Notes from the meeting are in the February 24, 2014 Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting file.